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For: APPARATUS FOR MEASURING SURFACE SHAPE, LATERAL COORDINATE
CALIBRATION METHOD THEREFOR, AND OPTICAL MEMBER HAVING BEEN
MEASURED WITH SAID APPARATUS OR METHOD

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- ☒ 2. An English-language Abstract and a partial English-language translation of the non-English language reference is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

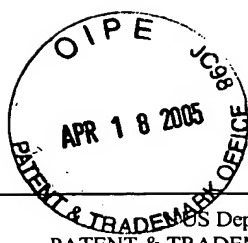
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